

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A service center coupled to a gaming network and to an automatic teller network, comprising:

5 a player identifier structured to validate a user as a holder of a player account on the gaming network;

a ticket reader;

a verifier coupled to the player identifier and the ticket reader, and structured to validate a ticket that is inserted into the ticket reader; and

10 a payment dispenser structured to eject from the service center an amount of value after the ticket is validated.

2. The service center of claim 1 wherein the ticket reader is a bill validator.

15 3. The service center of claim 1, further comprising a ticket printer.

4. The service center of claim 3 wherein the ticket printer is configured to print a tax form.

20 5. The service center of claim 1 wherein the player identifier is also structured to validate the user as an employee.

6. A service center structured to be coupled to a gaming network and to an automated teller network, the service center comprising:

25 a ticket printer structured to print a ticket after receiving a command from the gaming network.

7. The service center of claim 6 wherein the command is generated from a gaming device coupled to the gaming network.

30 8. The service center of claim 6 wherein the ticket printer is structured to deliver a bonus generated on the computer network.

9. The service center of claim 6 wherein the service center is a node on the gaming network.

10. A standalone service center that is coupled to a gaming network and that is structured to:

present transaction choices to a user and accept a selected choice;
verify an identity of a user having a player account;
accept a ticket at a ticket reader;
validate the accepted ticket by comparing it to data stored on the gaming network; and
provide a benefit to the user.

11. The service center of claim 10 in which the service center is structured to provide a benefit to the user by providing currency to the user.

12. The service center of claim 10 in which the service center is structured to provide a benefit to the user by providing a new ticket to the user.

13. The service center of claim 10 in which the service center is structured to provide a benefit to the user by adding a benefit to the player account.

14. The service center of claim 10 wherein the service center is further structured to establish a data connection with an ATM network.

15. The service center of claim 14 wherein the service center is structured to transfer account value from an account on the ATM network to the player account.

16. A method of servicing a player account, comprising:
accepting an input at a station that is coupled to a gaming network;
identifying a player having an account based on the input;
accepting a ticket at a ticket reader;
verifying authenticity of the ticket;
providing something of value to the player; and
recording that the ticket has been redeemed.

17. The method of claim 16 wherein providing something of value comprises adding value to a player account.

5 18. The method of claim 16 wherein providing something of value comprises ejecting currency from the station.

19. The method of claim 16 wherein providing something of value comprises printing another ticket from the station.

10 20. The method of claim 16 wherein the station does not include a gaming device.

21. A method of servicing a player account at a service center coupled to a gaming network on which a plurality of player accounts are stored, the method comprising:

15 establishing a data connection to the gaming network;
accepting an identification of a user;
comparing information from the identification to user data stored on the gaming network;
authorizing the user when the information matches the stored user data;
20 accepting a ticket from the user;
comparing data from the ticket to ticket data stored on the gaming network;
and
providing something of value to the user if the data from the ticket matches the stored ticket data.

25 22. The method of claim 21, further comprising:
establishing a data connection to an ATM network; and
transferring money from an account on the ATM network to the player account of the authorized user.

30 23. The method of claim 21, further comprising:
comparing information from the identification to employee data stored on the gaming network; and

authorizing an employee if the information from the identification matches the stored employee data.

- 5 24. The method of claim 23, further comprising:
 providing currency to the authorized employee; and
 storing a record of providing the currency on the gaming network.